money order system spread over the country. Although some locations in Andhra Pradesh will be covered, it is too premature to indicate the number of exact locations and time of installation now.

Speed Post Facilities in Assam

4216. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to expand the speed post facilities to more areas in Assam;

(b) if so, the names of the places and by when the system will be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) Speed Post facilities are continuously expanded wherever there are suitable transport connections and adequacy of traffic. In terms of above criteria, there is no plan to expand Speed Post facilities in Assam at present.

Five Minute Call Facility in Peripheral Towns

4217. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend three minutes call facility in peripherial towns to five minutes call and extend code '8' facility in PCOs in these towns as is available in Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

The facility of inter-dialling to peripheral towns from the PCO does not exist excepting Delhi. Necessary technical modifications will be done before the inter-dialling between peripheral towns is introduced. This modification will be carried out in Delhi also.

Telegram and saving Banks facilities in Post Offices of Bihar

4218. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleasd to state:

(a) the number of post-offices located in the villages in the State of Bihar which are having telegram and savings bank facilities therein with details thereof;

(b) the number of such post offices having PCO facilities;

(c) whether Government propose to provide telegram, savings bank and PCO facilities in all the post offices, particularly in rural Bihar in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Number of Post Offices in villages in Bihar having telegram and saving bank facilities are 732 and 10,479 respectively. Details are given in statement (*See* below).

(b) Number of such post offices with PCO facility is 732.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.